

House File 2381 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____
BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2005)

(COMPANION TO LSB 5144SC BY
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to contest events where an animal is injured,
2 tormented, or killed, by providing a penalty for spectators.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 717D.4, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 717D.4 ~~PENALTIES~~ PENALTY.
1 4 ~~1. Except as provided in subsection 2, a A person who~~
1 5 ~~violates a provision of this chapter is guilty of a class "D"~~
1 6 ~~felony.~~
1 7 ~~2. A person who violates section 717D.2 by acting as a~~
~~1 8 spectator of a contest event conducted in this state is guilty~~
~~1 9 of an aggravated misdemeanor.~~

1 10 EXPLANATION

1 11 This bill amends Code chapter 717D, which prohibits
1 12 activities associated with a contest event, organized for
1 13 entertainment or profit, where an animal is injured,
1 14 tormented, or killed.
1 15 Code section 717D.2 prohibits a person from conducting an
1 16 activity associated with a contest event, including owning or
1 17 operating an establishment where a contest event occurs;
1 18 promoting a contest event; possessing, transporting,
1 19 transferring, or training an animal engaged in a contest
1 20 event; or possessing a device used to enhance animal fighting.
1 21 In addition, Code section 717D.2 prohibits a person from
1 22 acting as a spectator of a contest event, regardless of
1 23 whether the person paid admission to witness the contest
1 24 event. Code section 717D.4 provides that a person who acts in
1 25 violation of Code section 717D.2 is guilty of a class "D"
1 26 felony. There is one exception, a person who acts as a
1 27 spectator of a contest event is guilty of an aggravated
1 28 misdemeanor. The bill makes a spectator also guilty of a
1 29 class "D" felony.
1 30 An aggravated misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for
1 31 no more than two years and a fine of at least \$500 but not
1 32 more than \$5,000. A class "D" felony is punishable by
1 33 confinement for no more than five years and a fine of at least
1 34 \$750 but not more than \$7,500.
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